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An Act To Exempt Certain Facilities from Increased Fire Sprinkler Requirements

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2452, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Sprinkler requirements; existing nonresidential buildings. For any nonresidential building in existence on January 1, 2007, the Commissioner of Public Safety may not apply more stringent fire sprinkler requirements than the requirements in existence on January 1, 2007. The commissioner shall make available to the public copies of the fire sprinkler requirements in existence on January 1, 2007 for nonresidential facilities.

Sec. 2. Retroactivity. This Act applies retroactively to January 1, 2007.

SUMMARY

This bill grandfathers nonresidential buildings in existence on January 1, 2007 by exempting them from more stringent fire sprinkler requirements than those in effect on January 1, 2007. The bill also requires the Commissioner of Public Safety to make copies of the requirements in effect on January 1, 2007 available to the public.